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Garrison Will Involve CIA In Kennedy Plot, Paper Says

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — The New Orleans States-Item said in a copyright story Friday that Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison will seek to show that Lee Harvey Oswald was an undercover agent who aided the cause of anti-Castro Cubans here.

"Garrison's investigation is said to have taken a definite trend toward what are believed to be indications that persons employed by the CIA were responsible for Kennedy's death," the newspaper said.

The Warren Commission, named by President Johnson to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Tex., on Nov. 22, 1963, reached the conclusion that Oswald was the sole assassin.

Garrison's Kennedy assassination investigation, the States-Item said, "will show" that "Oswald was not a Communist."

The Warren Commission decided that Oswald was a confused, Communist-oriented young man who was driven to kill Kennedy by a deep need for public recognition.

The New Orleans gun-toting district attorney, often flamboyant and unorthodox, has been conducting his own investigation into the Kennedy slaying since last fall. He has obtained a grand jury indictment of wealthy, retired businessman Clay L. Shaw on a charge of conspiring to murder the president.

The States-Item said its latest information came from informed sources "as additional evidence pointed increasingly

toward a deep involvement of U.S. Central Intelligence Agency activities among certain principals in the district attorney's continuing inquiry."

The sources, the newspaper continued, "painted a picture of Oswald which was diametrically opposed to the one sketched by the Warren Commission."

The States-Item said Garrison's office believes that Oswald's activities here in behalf of the pro-Castro Fair Play for Cuba Committee were "no more than a cover for his real job as an operative who worked closely with militant anti-Communist Cuban groups."